



LOVE'S WAY SINGING...A gospel singing will be held at Love's Way Church on Sunday afternoon, November 10, 1996 at 2:00 p.m., featuring The Mashburns of Odenville, AL. Love's Way Church is located at 2776 Damascus Road in Enterprise, AL. For more information, you may call (334) 393-6731. The public is invited to attend and a love offering will be received.

Round & About With Eria - 897-2006

Selected scripture: Matthew 5:16.

Thinking of you, praying for you. The Barnes family, Virginia McGowan, Rev. Virgil Coleman, Marion White, Mary Jackson, Ella M. Brooks, Aldene Jones, Vick E. Lindsey, Annie J. Lee, Dave Johnson, Kevin Belcher, Cassie B. Reese, Robert Coleman, Hannah Coleman, Eva Barrow, Alice Blue, Johnnie M. Daniels, Grover Belcher.

Annual Men & Women Day. Annual Men and Women Day will be celebrated at Ra Creek Baptist Church in Louisville, AL, November 17, 1996. Rev. J. Fryer is pastor.

The Men and Women Day service will begin at 2:00 p.m. The mistress of ceremony will be Allen Blackmon. The devotion will be by Dea. Leroy Glenn, Dea. Sammie Flournoy, and Sister Shelle Beyer. The guest minister will be Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head MB Church of Elba, AL, and Shiloh MB Church of Tarentum, AL.

All churches are invited. All women are asked to wear a white corsage with their dress.

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Dora Belcher

Technical Sergeant Dora A. Belcher. Technical Sergeant Dora A. Belcher is a Barksdale NCO Academy graduate. Dora is the daughter of Coley and Martha Dunlap of Amory, Mississippi. Dora is married to Warren Belcher, son of Eria and Grover Belcher. They have one son, Christopher Warren Belcher. Dora works at Alabama State University for the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Department of Aerospace Studies. She has served in the United States Air Force for 16 years and plans to retire in Montgomery, Alabama after 20 years of service. The six week curriculum included Total Quality Management, Supervisory Skills, Speaking Skills, Developing Communications, and Situational Leadership to name a few. This course is for Noncommissioned Officers and was completed in residence from April 15, 1996 to May 23, 1996 at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.

Visitors. Out of town guests visiting Grover and Eria Belcher, and Ernestine

Belcher.

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Tent revival to be held in Enterprise

Brother Steve Culmer and his family will be ministering in Enterprise on Friday, November 15, through Sunday, November 17. The tent will be set up at the old Skateland location in Enterprise on the Boff Weevil Circle, next to ALFAB, near Enterprise State Junior College. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Sunday morning's service will be led by the Rev. Charles Chapman, pastor at Batters Praise and Worship Center, and Batters Praise and Worship Team. Culmer will lead the Sunday night service with Bro. Pedro Nunez interpreting the message in Spanish. For more information call 393-7413.

Crafts Show & Bake Sale to be held

The St. Columbia Catholic Women's Club is sponsoring their annual Crafts Show and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 7, 1996, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the St. Columbia Parish Hall, Dothan, AL. Numerous craft vendors, baked goods, lunches, and a children's booth will be available. To buy a space to sell crafts, the cost is \$15.00. Table rentals are \$5.00. Contact Mary Mechling at 793-7939 for additional information.

Mustard Seed Foundation News

The seniors met at the foundation on October 23 to have a time of fellowship and enjoyed a luncheon. Five members were present and they were: Mary Seavey, Mattie Lou Goodson, Ruthia Blanton, Sammie Wambles, and Francis Shaloo. There were several missing due to sickness.

On November 24, 1996 at 3:00 p.m., Greater Bethel AME Church of Elba, AL will hold its Harvest Home Day program. Rev. C.A. Guice, pastor of Johns Chapel AME Church of Enterprise, AL will be the guest minister.

Today is a good day. Be grateful. Eria

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Worship to Please God,
Not Man's Concept of Worship

There has never been a time when mankind did not worship. But we need to discipline ourselves so that we worship in a way that pleases God, not our own concept of how we should worship. Since the beginning of time people have sought to have fellowship with the "higher-power." Thus people have worshipped the sun, moon, and stars. People have worshipped nature, bowing down to mountains, trees, rivers, and various other objects that had gained their allegiance. Some have even created objects with their hands out of wood, silver, and gold.

Yet all such worship, even now, serves only as an end in itself. Jesus condemned the Pharisees for over emphasizing the externals of formal worship. His constant invitation was for them to worship God in spirit and in truth. He called people to worship that would transform the inner man and thereby build a foundation of character.

The one fact that is going to help us and allow us to truly worship God from within is the relationship we have with Christ on an individual basis. Today many confess that they attend the House of God just for the music and singing, thereby putting more emphasis on the external instead of long to hear the Word of God which will build the inner character of a man. Does not respond to God's divine presence. External religious observance may quiet the conscience and smooth the pathway of the self-indulgent life style, but they fail to provide a release from the grasp of sin on the heart of man.

Amos chapter 5 and verse 6 says, "Seek the Lord, and ye shall live...."

The end result of all true worship is that we please God in lives that are dedicated to the doing of God's work in His way for God's glory. True worship will come when we surrender self to the risen Christ.

I challenge you, find a quiet place to pray, surrender to God, and you will discover what true worship is all about.

Jesus is still Lord!

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LINDA WESTBROOK MAKES HISTORY AS FIRST LADY ELECTED TO SERVED ON COMMISSION

Coffee County Commission 1996-2000 sworn in

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Not only was the meeting of the Coffee County Commission Tuesday morning special in that a new commission was sworn in, but it was a historical one too.

The first lady ever to be elected to the office of commissioner in Coffee County, Linda Westbrook, took the oath of office.

The swearing in was the first order of business since the commission could not conduct any business until this was done. Coffee County Probate Judge William O. Gammill administered the oath.

District 3 Commissioner Robert Stephens and District 5 Commissioner Bernest Brooks were the only two returning commissioners. The five remaining commissioners - Linda Westbrook, District 1; Kayo Lewis, District 2; Douglas Dalrymple, District 4; Len Averett, District 6; and Tom Grimley, District 7 - were all new.

Immediately following the swearing in ceremony, the new commissioners took a break for pictures and to meet with the many friends and relatives gathered in the commission chamber.

The staff from the county extension service provided food and drink for the new commissioners and their guests.

After about forty-five minutes, the commissioners convened their first meeting.

Wilson Mobley, county administrator, pointed out that the first order of business of the new commission

should be to elect a chairman.

Commissioners, casting a secret ballot, elected Tom Grimley by a majority vote as chairman of the commission. Commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion which passed that the vote be made unanimous. Grimley will serve for one year.

Grimley commented, "I certainly appreciate the vote of confidence from the commission. I hope that I can be worthy of their selection."

He, on behalf of the county and the commissioners, commended Robert Stephens on the "outstanding job" that he has done as chairman of the commission.

"I'm looking forward to working with each one of you," he said. "I think we're going to have a good commission and get a lot of positive things accomplished."

With Grimley presiding, the commissioners preceded with the meeting agenda.

The first order of business under the heading of old business was to open the bids submitted on steel pipe.

Choctaw, Inc. of Montgomery, AL was awarded the bid at \$14,656.00.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks then introduced a resolution congratulating and commending those commissioners who had previously served on the commission for the outstanding job done by each of them.

The resolution was read and passed unanimously by the present commission.

Again, by secret ballot, the major-

ity of the commissioners chose Douglas Dalrymple to serve in this capacity.

The commissioners voted to recess their meeting until the next meeting date of Monday, November 25.

Other matters coming before the commission were as follows: **Jimmy Clark with the NRCBS (National Resource Conservation Service) introduced the new district conservationist, Mike Harris, to the commission.

***County Engineer Randy Tindell requested that a work session be planned as soon as possible with his office in order to brief the new commissioners on the projects that are going on within the county. No date was set.

The chief also reported that work is nearing completion on a much needed new police procedures manual and it is now being typed for proofing.

The police department answered 21 complaints during the past two weeks, issued 19 traffic tickets and made five criminal arrests, including one involving a stolen car from out-of-state and a suspect in a rape case.

Mayor Grimes reported that the

Seven year old credited with saving mother's life

By Fern Cox, Publisher

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** HAPPENINGS **

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS SET UP. Special accounts have been set up at The Peoples Bank and South Trust Bank in the names of George and Judy Millette. The funds deposited in these accounts will be used to help with expenses incurred while the couple's infant child, Madison Alexandria, remains in University Hospital - Birmingham following extensive surgery. All donations will be deeply appreciated.

IT'S FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL. Three football teams from Coffee County will be in the playoffs for state championships this Friday night. They are: Elba will host Sulligent; Kinston travels to play Bibb Graves (located in Millerville 10 miles east of Sylacauga), and Enterprise plays Prattville in Prattville. Kick-off time for all of the above games is 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SET. Elba's Ninth Annual Christmas Festival will be held Saturday, November 21, at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Tickets are on sale for \$10 each at the Extension Office in New Brockton, Enterprise Chamber of Commerce in Enterprise, and South Trust Bank in Elba.

ARM-CITY BANDIT. The Annual Coffee County Farm-City Banquet will be held Thursday, November 21, at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Tickets are on sale for \$10 each at the Extension Office in New Brockton, Enterprise Chamber of Commerce in Enterprise, and South Trust Bank in Elba.

BENEFIT EVENT. The Alabama Team Penning Association will hold a benefit penning event for the Alabama High School Rodeo Association on Saturday, November 16, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The event will be held at 4-Way Cattle Company located on AL Hwy. 52 just west of Geneva, AL. Classes will be open and sorting. Prize drawing will be held for participants and spectators.

Residents thank city for work on West Street

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Elba police investigate burglary and rape

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

On Tuesday afternoon, November 5, at approximately 2:40 p.m., Elba police officers responded to a complaint of burglary at 1084 Sunbelt Blvd.

According to police, the residence was entered while unoccupied, and it was found that property was taken from the residence.

Investigator Johnny Senn, with the Elba Police Department, stated that during the police follow-up investigation an arrest was made in the case.

Demaris Lamar Barnes, age 20, of Elba was arrested and charged with burglary in the third degree.

He was placed in the Coffee County Jail pending bond.

Investigator Senn said that the property valued at approximately \$160.00 was recovered.

In an unrelated case, an elderly Elba man

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

President Clinton was re-elected, but without a vote from this corner. However, he is the U. S. President and the position deserves respect. With this belief, and it is strong, we are bothered by those already talking as if the next four years are ... well they are writing off Clinton's ability to do anything "in such a short time." Frankly, our concern would be that he (and Hillary) have four years to do so much and no need to ever take the voters again. Either way, Clinton is America's president, this country is great and is going to move forward and prosper. If that sounds like flag waving, it is ... and you get no apology. Someone is going to suck it up and solve the social security problem, the medical care problem, the deficit spending problem, as well as the many other concerns facing the country today.

Future candidates for public office in Alabama had better look, not at whether it is best to be Democrat or Republican, but "can I be nice in my politicking." A lot of the experts acknowledge the voters of Alabama agree with the writings in this column of several weeks ago and that is we don't like mudslingers and that gutter politicians deserve being sent to the woodshed ... or in actual practice, defeated.

The members of the Dethan school board had second thoughts about their not-so-smart idea of using \$20,000 of public school money to buy each board member a laptop computer. Oh, they had some pat answers as to why they took the action, but the public outcry was still more than they could stomach. Voting to not buy the computers was admitting they had made a mistake, but it was the right thing to do. Besides, what is wrong with admitting you erred ... everyone does it. In our opinion there was no way to justify such a purchase to keep board members updated, give them insight into today's technology or whatever. That money is needed in the classrooms, if not in Dathan then in hundreds of other Alabama schools.

Boxer Evander Holyfield is now the world champion heavyweight. Not being a real boxing fan, that is a no-hum fact in this corner. However, the openness with his religious beliefs is impressive. This man credits God with his successes and does so without any apology. He apparently lives a Christian life and that is a fresh sight from the boxing world. More and more we are seeing football players openly expressing their belief in God. These are good signs for the U. S. and for the whole world. Maybe there is a kinder, gentler world ahead for us.

Election night there was a number of upset poll workers. For as long as anyone can remember, pay checks were passed out when they delivered the ballots to the courthouse, but not this time. It seems Nell Harvison was admitted to the hospital Tuesday before the polls closed and no one else knew what to do about paying the person who brought in the ballots to the Probate office. They finally got their checks (in the mail), but everyone knows that messing with a person's paycheck is inviting an argument.

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ELBA MINISTRIES ASSN. - Tues. 6:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6:15 p.m. City Hall.
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. 7:15 p.m. City Hall (also City Council meeting).
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. Community Room in Farm Center Complex, New Brockton.
LEONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center.
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building.
MASONIC LODGE 274 - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month. 7 p.m. - Elba Elks Lodge.
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School.
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 994-3553.
COFFEE COUNTY COONHUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise.
AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday-12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room.
AARP Meet every 3rd Tuesday following the month.
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ELBA POLICE REPORT

NOVEMBER 5 thru NOVEMBER 11, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, November 5, 1996, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, one theft, one breaking and entering of a vehicle, one recovery of a stolen vehicle, one menacing, two criminal trespasses, one criminal mischief, and two assaults. The following arrests were made during that week: one for burglary and one for menacing.

Traffic citations issued for the week were as follows: eight for speeding and one for an expired tag. Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - River stage - 3.30 feet (6:20 a.m.); Woods fire on Highland Dr. (4:08 p.m.); Trash fire on Old Samson Highway (5:00 p.m.).
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - Prowler reported in Morrow Village (12:46 a.m.); River stage - 3.35 feet (6:24 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on AL Hwy. 87N (7:41 a.m.); Alarm at Taylor Auto Parts (10:28 p.m.); Shots fired on Canal Road just off Reese Ave. (11:19 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - River stage - 3.36 feet (6:18 a.m.); Alarm at Elba General Hospital (7:56 a.m.); Burglary reported on Old River Road (2:20 p.m.); Prowler reported on Forrest Lake Dr. (6:14 p.m.); Shots fired at Tootle Bug's (9:18 p.m.); Fight reported on West Ave. (10:38 p.m.); Alarm at Runt's Texaco (11:15 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - River stage - 3.39 feet (6:05 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck at the intersection of Co. Rd. 205 and 206 (8:22 a.m.); Routine activity.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 189N (2:06 a.m.); River stage - 4.29 feet (6:14 a.m.); Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 166 (11:34 a.m.); Rescue run to the wreck on AL Hwy. 166 (11:46 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 419 (9:43 p.m.).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - Disturbance reported on Dr. Roberts Dr.

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new "Children at Play" signs proposed at the first meeting of the new administration have arrived. The signs, which are being placed at the intersection of the connector road to Taylor Mill Road to the new schools, will include a six foot bike path from Taylor Mill Road, across the new bridge over Beaver Dam Creek, to the existing school road. Estimated costs are between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

The mayor indicated they would extend this bike path down Taylor Mill Road to the 203 Bypass if funds are available.

Bobby Lee, of Peters Municipal, told council members of approval from the Alabama Department of Transportation (DOT) of additional grant funds to construct the Dorsey turn land on Kingston Highway.

The council approved a \$27,123.09 low bid with Couch Construction Co. to proceed with this project. Grant funds pay for all this work.

Lee also reported he has forwarded plans to the state for a highway improvement project on Larkin Road. This also is being funded by a DOT grant.

Virgil Coleman and Clayton Hickman were both reappointed to the Elba Hospital Authority for six year terms.

Monthly bills totaling \$15,469.19 were approved for payment. This included \$7,285.69 for vehicle repair and maintenance; \$495.00 for asphalt; \$945.70 for printing office needs; \$475 for maintenance on the closed landfill and \$437.25 for gas and oil expense.

City Clerk Don Morrow reported that work is almost complete on filling of the ditch on West Street. He reported the street department crews should move on to the shaping and sodding work near Ellison Barber Shop this week.

He also reported the flag pole in front of city hall has been extended by ten feet and is in the process of being properly lighted.

Herbie McCall read a resolution accompanying a new flag which will be flown from this pole. The flag has flown over the U. S. Capitol and the resolution certifies this fact.

Morrow said he hoped to get the help of the high school band, maybe during the Christmas Festival, to properly dedicate and raise this flag.

Council member Ronnie Hammond addressed the problem of

speeding on Larkin Road and ask, "Can we slow this traffic down?" He said Mrs. Janice Daugherty told of the dangers associated with the speeding cars and trucks in the area. Grimes said, "I think our police can handle the speeders, and the paving work we are planning will improve your road situation."

The council approved Grimes' recommendation that city league basketball teams (age 8-12) be allowed to practice in the old Army Reserve Center. The city will purchase two portable basketball goals for this purpose. A member of the recreation department staff will be present during all practices to insure no unauthorized people are in the area and to supervise use of city owned property.

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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman

Terry Everett

Veterans Benefits Legislation Approved By Congress

One of the last acts of the 104th Congress was to pass major reforms and improvements to veterans' benefits and health care eligibility.

I'm happy to say that one of these major bills was my legislation to increase the cost of living allowance (COLA) for service-connected disabled veterans and their dependents.

As chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension and Insurance, I am pleased to announce that my legislation (HR 3458 - Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1996) was passed by the House and Senate recently.

It will increase, effective December 1, 1996, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities, as well as dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans. The increase would follow the annual increase in Social Security rates, currently estimated at 2.8 percent.

Also passed by the was the Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 1996. Briefly, it reestablishes the long-standing requirement that a veteran's employment handicap be the result of a service-connected disability to qualify for vocational rehabilitation benefits.

It also provides burial benefits for approximately 300 of the 2,500 who die in state nursing homes yearly, but don't qualify for Veterans Health Administration priority care.

Another provision of this new veterans legislation is the establishment of a pilot program under which contract physicians would provide disability examinations to applicants for VA benefits. The pilot program is anticipated to speed up this process.

Meanwhile, eligibility for VA benefits for Vietnam Veterans will be expanded to include those veterans who served in the Vietnam theater from August 5, 1961 to February 28, 1964. Agent Orange benefits would be limited to those who served beginning January 9, 1962.

In addition, the Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act allows a surviving spouse to retain compensation or pension payments for the full month of the veteran's death rather than for the current remainder of the month.

Lastly, Congress has passed the Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Act of 1996. This veterans' health care bill would help streamline and strengthen the VA health care system by expanding, updating and simplifying many outdated rules on VA health care eligibility.

This much-needed legislation will significantly expand veterans' eligibility to receive treatment on an outpatient basis. This reform would, for the first time, establish a "medical need" as the sole test for veterans who enroll for VA care.

As an active member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I take seriously America's commitment to our veterans.

This new veterans' legislation which has been passed by Congress and is now headed for the President's desk is a step forward in that tradition.

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Miss Angela Denise Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis of Enterprise announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Denise, to Hugh Hardy Martin, son of Mrs. Lurline Martin and the late Mr. Joe Martin of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Ruby Flowers and the late Mr. Aubrey Flowers of Enterprise, and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Harmon Davis of Elba.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gap Hardy of Elba and the late Mr. and Mrs. Cos Martin of Jack.

Miss Davis is a graduate of Enterprise High School and Faulkner University of Montgomery, where she received a degree in liberal arts. She is employed by the Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Mr. Martin is a graduate of Elba High School and Troy State University where he received a degree in business administration. He is employed by the Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, February 15, at 2:30 p.m. at the College Avenue Church of Christ in Enterprise. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall of the church.



Social Notes

Chris Foley is guest speaker at Magnolia Home & Garden Club November meeting

The Elba Public Library was the meeting place of the Magnolia Home & Garden Club on Thursday, November 7. Serving as hostesses were Mrs. Irma Warr and Mrs. Addelene Newman. Refreshments were served to thirteen members and one guest.

At the proper time, Mrs. Bette Ham introduced the guest artist for the meeting, Mr. Chris Foley. He is owner/manager of the Garden Gate Florist on Hwy. 84 West. Mr. Foley's work is known and appreciated by many in this area. The program dealt with developing new ideas for Christmas decorations. He demonstrated for the group how to assemble a table centerpiece using magnolia and votive candles. A lengthy business meeting followed the program. Mrs. Gene Kennel presided. During this period of discussion, club members voted to help with decorating at the Farm Center for Farm-City Week. Members also voted to participate in the Christmas Festival by sponsoring a sale of baked goodies.

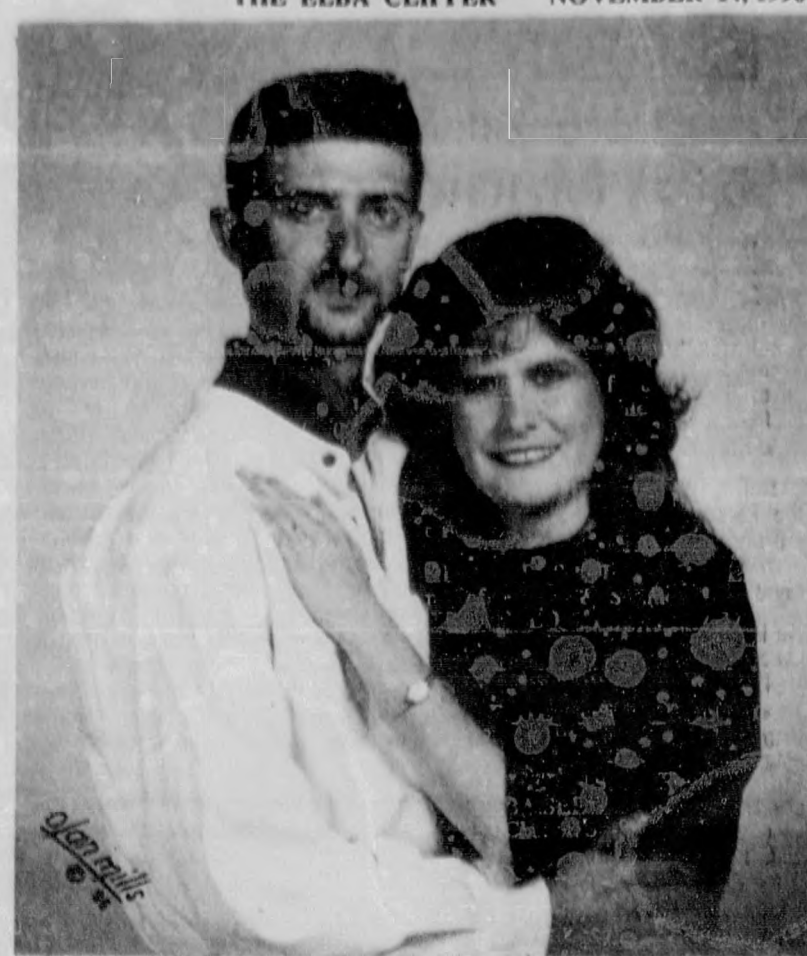
Mrs. Joan Jacobs reported on the progress being made in the development of the Bird Sanctuary and Walking Trail at the Elba High School. Plans were also discussed for decorating the Christmas tree at the Elba Nursing Home. This has been an annual project of the club for many years. Members will also donate prizes to be used in bingo games for the pleasure of the residents.

The meeting was adjourned.

New Arrivals

MARY MORGAN GREEN & GEORGE LOGAN GREEN

Heida Collier Green and James Green, daughter and son-in-law of Sam Collier, are the proud parents of twins. The brother and sister were born on October 28, 1996 in Birmingham, AL. Mary Morgan Green weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces. George Logan Green weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces. Grandparents are Sam Collier of Elba, AL and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Sherrill of Birmingham, AL. Mother and babies are doing fine.



Miss White & Mr. Whittaker

Miss White & Mr. Whittaker to be united in marriage Friday, November 29th

Ms. Wayne White of Elba, Alabama announces the engagement of her daughter, Cynthia, to Christopher Wayne White, son of Mr. Wayne White and the late Mrs. Charles Whittaker of New Brockton, Alabama, and Ms. Vera Griswold and the late Mr. Glen Griswold of Brundidge, Alabama.

The bride is the daughter of Ms. Wayne White and the late Mr. Loyd Alvin White, Sr. of Elba, Alabama. She is the granddaughter of Ms. Opal Westbrook and the late Mr. Willie B. Westbrook of Elba, Alabama and the late Mr. and Mrs. Foy T. White of Elba, Alabama.

The groom is the son of Mr. Wayne Whittaker of Enterprise, Alabama and Ms. Gwen Loy of Algerton, Cynthia, to Christopher Wayne White, son of Mr. Wayne White and the late Mrs. Charles Whittaker of New Brockton, Alabama, and Ms. Vera Griswold and the late Mr. Glen Griswold of Brundidge, Alabama.

The wedding is planned for November 29 at 3:00 at Whitewater Baptist Church in Elba, Alabama. The reception will follow in the fellowship hall. No local invitations are being sent, all friends and family are invited.

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Mr. & Mrs. Preston Miles to be honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary

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Three-In-One Study Club meets at Elba Public Library

The Three-In-One Study Club held its regular monthly meeting in the Elba City Library on November 7.

Mrs. Pauline Allen, hostess, served a delicious party plate and coffee to members and one guest, Mrs. Doris Taylor. Mrs. Edward Hudson gave an inspirational devotional on thankfulness.

Mrs. Doris Taylor talked on "Good Reading," and what is available to the people in the city library. She stressed the importance of children's reading early, and a good practice is to hear them read aloud each day for about twenty minutes.

Members present were: Mrs. Pauline Allen, Mrs. S. F. Cantley, Mrs. Edward Hudson, Mrs. R. H. Lee, Mrs. Conway Lowery, Mrs. Wilson Newman, Mrs. Buck Smart, Mrs. E.M. Wan, Mrs. Jim Williams, and a guest, Mrs. Doris Taylor.

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Therefore, knowing this, those of us throughout this world that are saved by the blood of Jesus Christ ought to live victorious over sin. Yes, we should abide by God's word as Roman's 6:12 states, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body...." I trust you will read Romans 6:11-13 to understand what I am trying to share with you.

Sin is an offense and a disease to man and will try to master your desires and become the ruling power within your life. Realize that sin is not "destroyed" when you accept Christ. If you yield to it, sin will remain active and eventually injure you emotionally and physically. The believer must learn to fight against the pull of sin and not allow his body to be the instrument of sin as mentioned in vs. 13.

The believer is to yield himself to God. This simply means we are to make a "one-time" decision for God, a "once-for-all" dedication of our life to God. The presentation of our life to God is to be sincere and genuine - a one-time decision. We are to yield ourselves, body and soul, all that we are - to God; and our decision should be a permanent (kept at all costs) decision!

We are to turn the members of our body over to God: our eyes, ears, mouth, tongue, hands, feet, mind - all that we are. Every part of our body should be given over as an instrument or tool to do righteousness to advance the cause of Christ.

The most important of these "parts" is probably the mind. Proverbs 23:7 states, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...." If you mean business with God and your decision for Him is a "one-time, permanent" decision, then learn to control what you put into your mind and you will learn to live victorious over sin.

Jesus is still Lord!

Mustard Seed Foundation News

The seniors met at the foundation and had a time of fellowship. The members went to Julia's Restaurant in Troy and enjoyed a birthday luncheon. Those present were: Mary Seavey, Dorothy Nell Crawley, Mattie Lou Goodson, Francis Shabo, Sammie Wambles, and Frank McCollough. There were several missing due to sickness.

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Annual Men & Women Day will be celebrated at Pea Creek Baptist Church in Louisville, AL, November 17, 1996. Rev. J. Fryer is pastor.

The Men and Women Day service will begin at 2:00 p.m. The mistress of ceremonies will be Allen Blackmon. The devotion will be by Dea. Leroy Glenn, Dea. Sammie Flournoy, and Sis. Shellie Baxter.

The guest minister will be Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head MB Church of Elba, AL and Shiloh MB Church of Tarentum, AL.

All churches are invited. All women are asked to wear a white corsage with their dress.

Gospel singing to be held at Shiloh Baptist Church. A gospel singing will be held at the Mustard Seed Foundation on November 16, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. The featured group will be the Singing Miracles of New Brockton.

Gospel sing to be held at Faith Christian Center. There will be a gospel sing at Faith Christian Center, 836 Troy Hwy., Elba, AL (across from Clark Farm), on November 23 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a husband and wife team singing from Yazoo City, MS. Fellowship will follow the singing, and a love offering will be taken.

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Quinton Donnell Smith is the son of Donald and Barbara Kelley Smith of Charlottesville, VA. He celebrated his second birthday in the home of his grandmother, Ernestine Kelley of Elba, AL, on Halloween night, October 31, 1996, his birthday. The dining area was decorated with purple and white. The theme of the party was Barney and Quint was dressed in a Barney costume. The Barney cake and cup cakes were decorated with Halloween motifs, and was the center of attraction.

His grandparents are Ernestine Kelley of Elba, AL and Jimmie Nell Smith of Farnockway, NY. Grandparents are Madelyn Smith of New Brockton, AL and Grover and Eria Belcher of Elba, AL.

Quint received many gifts and he actually played with the "green"

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LOCAL YOUNGSTER PERFORMING IN OLIVER AT ASF...Several local children appear in the Alabama Shakespeare Festival's production of Oliver, running November 12 to December 22 on the Festival Stage of the Carolyn Blount Theatre. Shown above are (from left) Luke Veazey, David Rogers, and Christina E. Buckner; (middle, 1 to r) Lottie Veazey, Choreographer Carol Delk Thompson, and Director Kent Thompson; (back, 1 to r) Melissa K. Buckner, Michael Langan, Chad Wilson, Will Harrell, Will Mitchell, Rush Brunson, Jacob Cook, Elizabeth Godfrey, and Sarah Thornton.

Rush Brunson appearing in Oliver at ASF

When the curtain rises on the Alabama Shakespeare Festival's production of Oliver, running Nov. 12 to Dec. 22, 1996 on the Festival Stage of the Carolyn Blount Theatre, 15 local youths will receive a Theatre in Montgomery. The musical favorite previews Nov. from Montgomery, plays the title role for the majority of performances and Luke Veazey, a fifth grader from Montgomery, is the alternate.

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For more information regarding Oliver, call the ASF Box Office at 1-800-841-4273 or 217-5553 locally.

Mr. & Mrs. Preston Miles to be honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary

Because you have shared in their lives by your friendship and love, Barbara Trout and Lisa Stephens, and their families, request the honor of your presence at the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Miles on Sunday, November 17, 1996 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Elba.

Three-In-One Study Club meets at Elba Public Library

The Three-In-One Study Club held its regular monthly meeting in the Elba City Library on November 7.

Mrs. Pauline Allen, hostess, served a delicious party plate and coffee to members and one guest, Mrs. Doris Taylor. Mrs. Edward Hudson gave an inspirational devotional on thankfulness.

Mrs. Doris Taylor talked on "Good Reading," and what is available to the people in the city library. She stressed the importance of children's reading early, and a good practice is to hear them read aloud each day for about twenty minutes.

Members present were: Mrs. Pauline Allen, Mrs. S. F. Cantley, Mrs. Edward Hudson, Mrs. R. H. Lee, Mrs. Conway Lowery, Mrs. Wilson Newman, Mrs. Buck Smart, Mrs. E.M. Wan, Mrs. Jim Williams, and a guest, Mrs. Doris Taylor.

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???QUESTION CORNER???

by Britany McCall

A survey of Juniors and Seniors was conducted during the week of October 28 - November 1. As the Elba Tigers approach the end of their regular season, upperclassmen were asked, "How do you feel about the Tigers being Area Champions?"

Melissa Benbow: I am really proud for them. Their accomplishments give me Tiger Pride!

Monica Henderson: I am really proud of them. They did really well.

Jeffrey Phippen: I was surprised, they did better than I thought they would. I'm proud of them.

Corey Adkinson: It's good! They were led by Junior Garret Boutwell, of course. Yeah right!

Tim Kyles: It's great!

Doug Grimes: I feel disoriented!

Anna Head: I'm glad because we get to play our first playoff game at home, so I'll have enough time to go out afterwards.

Andy Daugherty: I feel excited that our Junior Garret Boutwell is taking us to the playoffs.

Bonnie Vaughan: I'm proud and can't wait to cheer for them again.

Jason Jordan: I'm happy for them.

Brad Adkins: Really? I didn't know they were Area Champions.

Garret Boutwell: I don't see how we did it without our fearless leaders Josh Dawkins and Derek Marler.

Todd McKee: I'm happy for us! I know we could win if we played as a team. We played a good game and won the game we needed on the road.

Matthew Farris: I'm proud for them and hope they do well in the playoffs.

Gayla Long: I'm very proud of them and hope they make it through the state playoffs.

Tamicka Tanks: I'm proud they're in the playoffs and I hope they go all the way.

Van Smith: It doesn't really affect me as much because I don't follow up on our football team. I guess I am proud that we can win.

Trent Calhoun: It's great!

Misty Kelley: Wonderful!

Brandie Mann: Good!

Tiger Tales



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Student Spotlight



Picture above (l to r): Christina Semonelle, Lorrell Wilkerson, and Lacey Nunn.

by Shanta Caldwell & Chastity Williams
Christina Semonelle is the daughter of Nick and Elaine Semonelle. Her hobbies are talking on the phone and shopping. She is a member of FBLA. She attends Elba United Methodist Church. The thing Christy likes best about EHS are the teachers. Lorrell Wilkerson is the son of Jesse Lee Holloway. His hobby is shooting pool. He is a member of FFA. He is a member of C.O.G.I.C. Church of God in Christ. The things Lorrell likes about EHS are the teachers and facility. Lacey Nunn is the daughter of Travis and Susan Nunn. Her hobbies are shopping and going out with her friends. She is a member of Girl Scout Troop #350 and FBLA. She attends Mt. Olive Baptist Church. The thing she likes best about EHS is the Drug Free campus.

Matthew Farris Member Of 4-H State Livestock Judging Team

by Kayron Whitworth
Matthew Farris, a Junior at Elba High School, is a member of the 1996 state winning 4-H Livestock Judging Team. This is a very difficult contest to win and Coffee County was this year's winner. As part of their award in addition to several programs at Auburn University, they will be attending a workshop and contest at the National American International Livestock Symposium in Louisville, Kentucky.

Matthew was recently asked, "How do you feel about winning this award?"

"I am very pleased at winning state and am very excited about competing in the contest."

"What all have you done to work up towards this goal?"

"I've been in livestock judging 8 years and it has taken this long to win this award. We practice at least twice a week and we started preparing in August."

"Are you planning on competing in more competitions?"

"Well, I won't be able to judge again because once you attend the national contest in Louisville, that more or less ends your career in 4-H Livestock Judging."

ing and I'll kind of miss it, but I'm planning on attending Auburn University where maybe I can be a part of the collegiate team."

PALS Attend Project X

Nine sleepy PALS students met at 6:00 a.m. on October 22 anticipating a fun day with class mates and friends. The destination was Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery and the activity was Project X. This is an annual trip for the PALS students, sponsored by the Montgomery YMCA and Maxwell AFB.

Project X is a group of activities designed for the Squadron Officers School, located at Maxwell. These activities are challenging both physically and mentally and are designed to help participants develop leadership skills, practice team work and use their problem solving abilities.

The approximately 150 students were divided into small groups. The nine Elba students and those from Montgomery County High School worked together. For each activity, the group was given a challenge and a minimum of support to be used to reach an assigned destination. The fun came from meeting the challenge, solving the problem, and of course, teaching the destination victors.

Being victorious may involve climbing over a wall, making a bridge of boards over water or hanging from a rope walking hand trying not to fall into a pretend mine field or an alligator infested river. The students quickly learned that the key was listening to others and working together.

Did You Know

by Doug Grimes

When the 7th edition of the baseball Encyclopedia is published, Lon Proctor, listed in previous editions as a member of the 1912 St. Louis Browns, will be missing. It was discovered that Proctor was actually a pressbox telegraph operator who decided to enter his name in the box score. He remained a player with a one game career until researchers weeded him out.

Dave Bresnahan, a catcher for Wilkesport in baseball's Eastern League, threw a potato to third base in order to pick off a baserunner. The baserunner, thinking that the potato was a ball, broke for home. He was met at the plate and tagged out by Bresnahan, who had the real ball. Bresnahan was charged with an error, fined \$50, and released from the team the following day.

Source: The World Almanac and Book of Facts 1988 edition.



Elba Elementary Student Council Officers and Representatives named

The primary purpose of the Elba Elementary Student Council is to provide leadership training and to promote quality education. The focus for the 1996-97 school year is character development, especially in the areas of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

The Elba Elementary Student Council has participated in the Fall Festival, the Black and Gold Show, and the homecoming parade. As a community outreach project, the council is sponsoring a canned food drive during November for the Christian Mission. Two sponsored

activities to foster school spirit and to have fun are the Funny Fall Fashions dress up day, and a Christmas musical program.

Officers and first semester representatives are as follows: Jason Curran, president; Hannah Martin, vice-president; DeVri Kilecrase, secretary; Katie Driggers, treasurer.

First semester second grade representatives are as follows: Jennifer Barlow, Adam Henderson, Stephen Driggers, Chafin Johnson, Anna Poty, and Leslie Flowers.

First semester third grade representatives are as follows: Tori Brooks, Todd Kelley, Ashleigh Waddall, Elena McCormick, Shea Manning, and Chase Boutwell.

First semester fourth grade representatives are as follows: Ashley Gibson, Mallory Allen, Cassy Cooper, and Kristen Barnes.

First semester fifth grade representatives are as follows: Brett Horton, Colby Capps, Ralston Moore, and Natasha Brooks.

First semester sixth grade representatives are as follows: Misty Moore, Brandon Petty, Samantha Williams, Justin Allen, and Jennifer Smith.

American Education Week to be observed Nov. 17-23

November 17-23 is American Education Week. Local schools are planning several activities to celebrate and recognize educators during the week. Local marquee signs at the bridge on Highway 84 and the Peoples Bank will be listing the event.

Students from Elba Elementary and Elba High School will be giving short reports on WELB/WZTZ Radio during the week long celebration. Lapel badges stating "One Teacher Can Shape a Child... One Child Can Shape the World" will be presented to teachers to be worn during the week. Posters reading "Educating Everyone, Taking Everyone" will be posted at both schools and the central office. On November 19, retired teachers will be honored with a reception/refreshments at Elba Elementary and Elba High School.

Public education continues to change to meet the changes dictated by a technical society. Access to information has never been as swift or

as unlimited as in today's computerized world. The need for parental and community support and involvement in education is paramount for schools to keep up with the fast pace in which we live. Even with all these technological changes, the key element of education continues to be quality classroom teachers that truly care about their students. No amount of technology, computers, nor modern facilities can take the place of a truly committed teacher.

Please take the opportunity to express your appreciation to the many outstanding teachers in our schools.

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I like basketball season and have always enjoyed going to games, but it can sure cause problems when your seven-year-old has to go to three games in one week. Last week Melanie went to watch her big sister play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights, and it totally wiped out the usual routine of eating supper, getting into the tub, working on her homework and getting to bed early enough to get a good night's sleep. We ate supper after eight o'clock all three nights, never got into the tub until it was almost time to go to bed, and couldn't even find her spelling words, much less study them for the Friday test. Maybe all weeks won't be so exciting!

ELBA TIGERS GET BIG WIN IN SEASON FINALE

The Elba Tigers needed something good to happen last week in their final regular season game against Monroe County to give the Tigers some momentum heading into the 3A playoffs, and that was exactly what happened, as the Tigers dominated their 5A opponent and posted perhaps their most impressive win of the season. The Tigers showed signs of coming together in last week's loss to Andalusia, and Friday night looked like a winning team in disposing of highly-favored Monroe County. One win doesn't make a season, especially when the ledger also shows six losses; however, Elba is a much better team now than it was a couple of weeks ago, and should head into the playoffs brimming with confidence.

The Elba offense put in a couple of wrinkles for the game, and the new look paid dividends as the Tiger running game rolled up 238 yards, despite

having two big gains wiped out by penalties. Quarterback Troy Bryan gained 56 yards rushing and wasn't sacked throughout the game, while full-back D'Undray Peterson bulled for 87 yards and looked like the bruising back of years past. Wingback Julian Mitchell got a chance to use his speed, and made the most of the opportunity, as he rambled for 44 yards on six carries, and had a long TD run called back on a penalty flag. The offense moved up and down the field all night, and even though it failed to score twice after getting in fourth down and short situations, it was vastly improved and may have had its best overall showing of the season.

The Tiger defense also had a major test on its hands against a Monroe County offense that never lined up in the same formation twice in a row, but it too passed the test with flying colors and came up with three turnovers that led directly to three Elba touchdowns. The defensive line was focused and posted a 5-2 state against the remainder of the schedule. New Brockton won't be a playoff contender until it can compete against the other teams in its area; however, you know the youngsters on this year's team are already looking forward to next season, and another shot at the Luvemes of the world.

***ZION CHAPEL (1-8) finished off perhaps its worst season ever on the football field, but did so with pride and dedication, and despite the 1-8 record will never be thought of as losers. The Rebels lost a majority of its starters before the season started for various on and off the field problems, and at one time many wondered if they would even be able to field a team for the entire season. It wasn't easy, but they did it, and they did it with pride. After week, but they never once backed down from any challenge and wore the Rebel colors proud until the final horn of the final game. The record may not show it; however, this group of players showed as much heart and courage as any team in this season, and should be remembered for that, and not their record.

***BRANTLEY (3-7) put it all together on the final night of the season and snapped its seven-game losing streak with a 29-12 win over J.U. Black-her. The Bulldogs have been a team to watch, and they did it with pride. The state's youngest teams, but played hard every time they snapped on the helmets and gave Bulldog fans hope that better days are ahead. Next year's Brantley Bulldogs will still be one of the youngest teams in the state; however, it will be a veteran team and one that will be determined to put Brantley back on top.

***CLASS 6A - Top-ranked Central, of Tuscaloosa, closed out the season at 10-0 with a 24-0 win over eighth-ranked Tuscaloosa County and has to enter the playoffs as the prohibitive favorite to win its second straight 6A title. If the high-scoring Falcons should stumble, other teams with a chance might be Dothan, which finished at 9-0 with a 31-14 win over Northview, Vigor, which posted an 8-1 state with a 35-7 win over Mary Montgomery; or Prattville, which closed out the regular season at 8-2 with a 21-6 win over Carver.

***CLASS 5A - Top-ranked Blount gave its upcoming opponents something to think about with an 80-0 win over Escambia County that gave the Leopards a final regular season record of 9-0. Blount was upset along the way in last year's playoffs, but seem determined to get the title back in 1993. If there is a team with a chance at pulling off the upset, it might just be Smiths Station, where the Panthers closed out a perfect 10-0 season with a 40-19 romp past previously undefeated Eufaula. Other teams to watch may be Jackson (8-2) and Holt (8-2).

***CLASS 4A - Top-ranked Alexandria closed out a 9-0 campaign with a 27-13 win over #7 Cleburne County and has to be the favorite to repeat in the 4A ranks, but W.S. Neal made it known that the Eagles would be a team to reckon with as they scored 30 points in the fourth quarter to smash previously undefeated T.R. Miller 36-14. Fourth-ranked Fayette County also closed out at 10-0 with a 30-0 spanking of Gordo, and along with #5 Deshler (9-0), could make the 4A playoffs one of the most exciting to watch.

***CLASS 3A - Top-ranked Sylva was upset by Plainview 7-0 and defending champ B.B. Comer was ripped by Sylvauga 20-0, making the race for the 3A title anybody's ballgame. Second-ranked Briarwood closed out a 10-0 season with a 35-20 win over Birmingham Carver, which makes it the pre-playoff favorite; however, #3 West Morgan has been tough all season and wrapped up a 10-0 season with a 40-0 win over Red Bay, while St. Clair County (9-1), UMS-Wright (8-2) and Colbert County (7-3) are all teams to watch. This class is really wide-open.

***CLASS 2A - Top-ranked Clay County closed out another perfect 10-0 season with an impressive 21-0 blanking of #5 Lineville and have to be the team to beat in the 2A ranks. While Clay County has proven unbeatable over the last two seasons, there will be some sizable road blocks this season in the playoffs, led by #2 Hazlewood, which closed at 9-0 with a 41-0 win over Hatton. Other teams that have a shot at knocking off the defending champs might be #3 Luyenne, which closed at 11-0 with a 41-20 win over Goshen; #4 Cottonwood, which also closed at 10-0 with a 35-0 win over Slocomb; and #6 Tanner, which lost only to Hazlewood during a 9-1 campaign.

***CLASS 1A - Top-ranked Maplesville put the finishing touches on a 10-0 season with a 62-12 win over Thorsby and is without a doubt the team to beat in the 1A ranks. Second-ranked Addison also closed out a 10-0 season with a 14-13 win over Winston County and could be the top dog from the North, while Billingsley, despite its 7-3 record, closed fast and has to be looking forward to its rematch with Maplesville. Unlike years past, the 1A playoffs appear to be headed for a steady course.

Cooffee County was well represented at last week's state volleyball tournament, as both Kingston and New Brockton made it to the semi-finals before being ousted.

The 1A Lady Bulldogs have developed into one of the top volleyball programs in the state, regardless of class, and Coach Amelia Rhoades has built the program from scratch to make it one recognized across the state. The Lady Bulldogs were hoping to grab their first state title, but a semifinal finish was something to be proud of, and will make next year's squad even more determined to take home the title.

The Lady Gamecocks came out of nowhere this season under the guidance of Coach Trent Trawick to make it to the semi-finals in the 2A ranks, and built the foundation for success in the sport for years to come. New Brockton has been highly successful in girls athletics for years, and it appears that the best is yet to come.

Polish Prognosticator closed out the regular season with a record of 383-82 after a final week of 55-7, and said Sunday afternoon when he was dropped by the office that for once he was even looking forward to the playoffs. The playoffs are hard to pick, especially in the early rounds, but our local guesstest looked confident and left these predictions for the opening round of action...

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Tigers maul Monroe 24-6

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers combined a punishing ground attack with a hard-hitting defense Friday night to upset the Monroe County Tigers 24-6, in Monroeville.

The win improved Elba's record to 4-6, while Monroe County slipped to 5-5 with the loss.

Both teams moved the chains on their opening possessions of the night, with Julian Mitchell sparking the seven play, 39-yard Tiger march with 27 yards on two carries.

Neither series resulted in points; however, and after a pair of early punts, Monroe County began its second series at its own 20-yardline.

The blue-and-gold Tigers were 80-yards from paydirt, but needed only four plays to cover the distance, as Monroe County got on the scoreboard first on a 60-yard touchdown pass, leaving Monroe County with a 6-0 lead with 2:26 left in the first quarter.

Monroe County began another march on its ensuing possession and this time drove 61 yards in seven plays to reach the Elba 24-yardline. The Elba defense had its

penalty against Elba, moved to the Elba 15-yardline in the closing minute of the half.

Three straight passes into the endzone fell incomplete; however, and the Elba defense again turned back a scoring threat when on fourth down a 32-yard field-goal attempt sailed low and wide, sending Elba in at the half with a 14-6 advantage.

Elba received the second half kickoff and unleashed a punishing ground attack that moved the football 66 yards in 15 plays, with all the yards coming on the ground.

The long drive, sparked by the running of Troy Bryan and Bobby Burks, ate up 8:30 off the clock and reached the Monroe County 4-yardline. The drive failed to add to the Elba lead; however, as on fourth down and one, Bryan was stopped inches short of the first down marker.

Elba's defense gave the ball right back to the offense on a pass interception by Bobby Burks at the Monroe County 25-yardline, but Elba again failed to convert on a fourth down play, and saw its second scoring opportunity of the quarter go by the board.

Elba regained possession at its own 41-yardline on another defensive stand, and this time the Elba offense was able to add to its lead after a 10 play, 43-yard drive.

An apparent 28-yard touchdown run by Julian Mitchell was nullified by a clipping penalty, but a 22-yard pass from Troy Bryan to Marcus Tillis got Elba back within field-goal range, and Todd McKee increased the lead to 17-6 with 1:52 left in the game on a 33-yard field-goal.

The Elba defense came up with yet another big play only one play after the kickoff, as D'Undray Peterson scooped up a fumble and rammed 21 yards to put Elba right back in business at the Monroe County 9-yardline.

One play later Peterson blasted up the middle from 7-yards out, and Todd McKee booted the extra-point to give Elba the big 24-6 win over 5A Monroe County.

D'Undray Peterson gained 87 yards on 18 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to pace the Elba running game, while Troy Bryan gained 56 yards on 14 carries and Julian Mitchell added 44 yards on six totes.

Todd McKee made 6 solo tackles and had one assist to lead the Elba defense, while Earl Perkins also made 6 tackles and D'Undray Peterson had 4 tackles and a fumble recovery.

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Kinston High School 4-H News

by Amy Walker, Reporter
This year 4-H at Kinston High School started out to be a very great year. Officers were elected and they are: April Hawthorne, president; Rachel Grimes, vice president; Skylar Drury, secretary; Amy Walker, reporter; Susie Johnson, devotional leader; and Ashley Cauley, Christy Bedsole, and Brandi Nelson, song leaders.

The activity for the month of October was sewing. In this activity, members sewed a stocking together. It was to be brought to the November meeting. The final weigh-in for the pumpkin contest was October 31, 1996. Wildlife Field Day was scheduled for November 11, 1996. The 4-H club peanut essay topic this year is "Important People in Peanut History". It was due at the November club meeting.

November 18, 1996 at the Extension Office in New Brockton, there will be a cookie workshop. At this, members will learn the principles of making different kinds of cookies.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

MARIAN SMITH
Army Reserve Pvt. Marian Smith has graduated from basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC.

Smith is the daughter of Carlos and Gary Smith of Elba, AL and is a 1996 graduate of Elba High School.

RANDOLPH S. WILLIS

Army National Guard Pvt. Randolph S. Willis has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, MO.

Willis is the son of Randolph F. Willis of Elba, AL.

MEULLOYE JOHNSTON

Meulloye Johnston has received an Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer's Training Corps) scholarship for four years at Troy State University, Troy, AL.

He is the son of Air Force Master Sgt. Marcus W. and Priscilla Johnston of Elba, AL. He is a 1996 graduate of Warner Robins High School, GA.

LAWRENCE E. SIKES

Navy Seaman Apprentice Lawrence E. Sikes, son of Cynthia Sikes of Jack, AL, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

He is a 1996 graduate of Zion Chapel High School. His wife, Emily, is the daughter of James and Rhonda Hughes, also of Jack.

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Amber Moody, Ashley Shelton, Clark Skinner, Reese Stricklin, Brandon Thompson, Kristin Barnes, Tony Conely, Aaron Haremon, Anna Harrison, Raven Munger, Emily Paul, Allison Smith, Doug Turnbull, Jerry Hill.

Fifth Grade

Lacy Carlile, Kayla Fish, Greta Robinson, Shantel Griffin, Ralston Moore, Bobby Ordon, Chris Atteberry, Matthew Curran, Kaci Grantham, Rhoshonda Flowers, Andy Waddall, Katie Dyess, Rachel Suley, Ouiton Gavin, Molly Reeves, Ashley Gray, Christy Eubanks, Jessica Danford, Colby Capps, Madison Atteberry.

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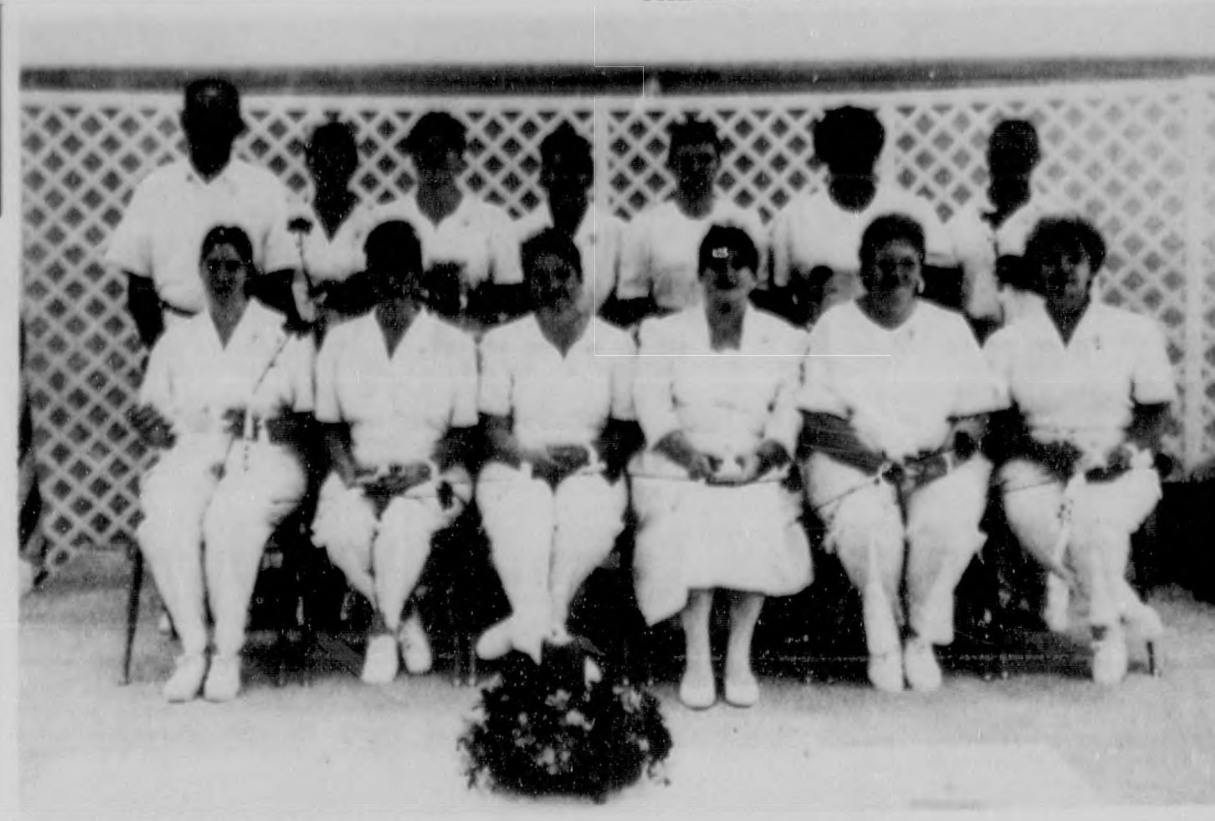
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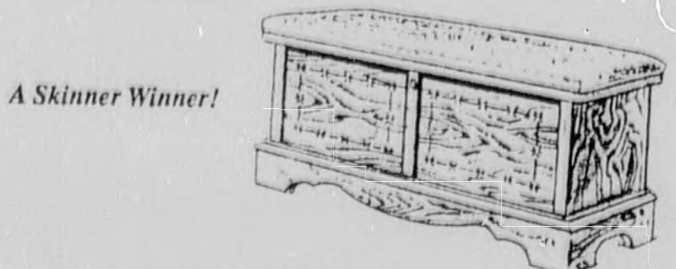


NURSING ASST. GRADUATES HONORED DURING PINNING CEREMONY... Area graduates were honored upon graduation from the Nursing Assistant Program at MacArthur State Technical College. Participating in the pinning ceremony were (front row, l to r) Mary Hall, Lockhart: Dana Elliott, Andalusia; Dianne Butler, Opp; Sonya Brooks, Andalusia; Stephanie Anderson, Opp; and Pat Ainsworth, Red Level; (second row, l to r) Marion White, Elba; Melonie Walker, Andalusia; Teresa Stephens, Opp; Virginia Parker, Opp; Tammy Matthews, McKenzie; Carolyn Lawrence, Elba; and Nathaniel Heard, Jr., Opp.



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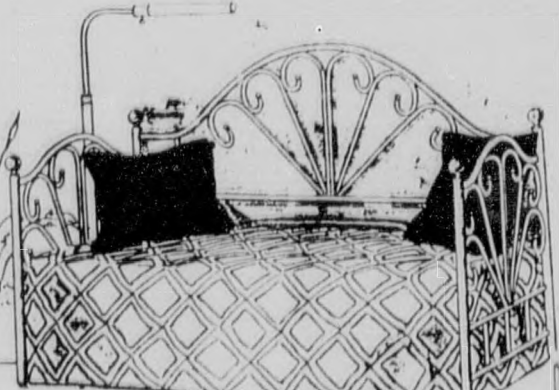
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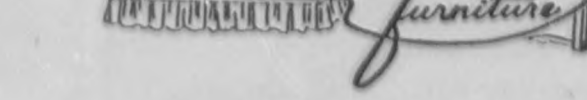
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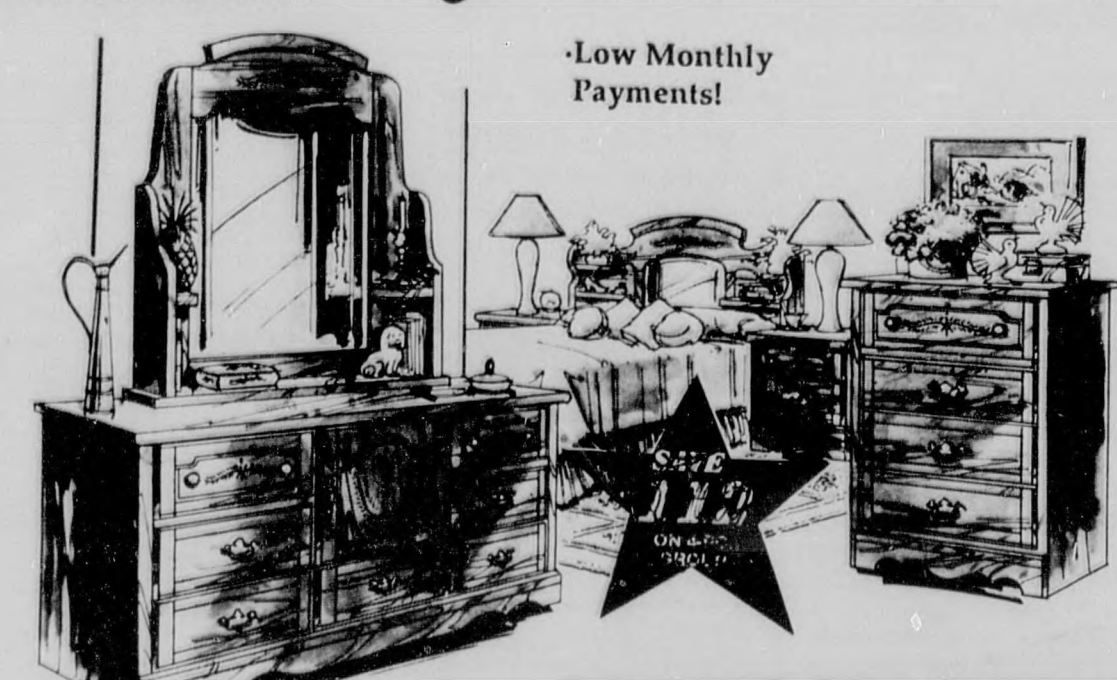
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Fourth Grade

Trent Baker, Kevin Bales, Alex Benbow, Kim Bess, Danielle Gideon, Tim Daniels, Kaleb Dyess, Ashley Gibson, Kimmy Hill, David Lamb, Lyndsay Lawford, Colette Newsom, Brandi Phillips, Amanda Richardson, Adam Spicer, Kristi Spinks, Quan Warren, Marissa Williams, Carmelisha Wright, Destiny Hodge, Richard Barlow, Bill Bludworth, Cassy Cooper, Ryan Gibbs, Jennifer Grissett, Zane Hall, Deanna James, Brandon Kelley, Taylor McGuire.

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Elba W&E Board meeting good

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

It is always good to hear that the financial reports of a business are "good," "normal," or better. That is the way Elba Water and Electric

Chairman Tim Johnson opened the November board meeting.

He reported that the electric department was normal and the water department had decreased its losses of the year "some what."

Johnson also noted that the accounts receivable were up some from the previous month, but not enough to be alarming.

Board members were told that a billing error from a supplier had resulted in a \$15,044.24 overcharge on the Legion Field project. Board members were told that after getting this corrected, the ball park upgrade

was still within the projected budget approved by the board.

The water department responded to 37 work orders during the month, including 20 water leaks, according to water supervisor Dennis Coleman.

Coleman informed board members that the water problem in the Cherokee Lane area is probably caused by having some 2" water lines looped with 6" lines and having a line valve closed. Coleman said they were correcting this and hoping the bad water problem in that area would be eliminated.

Electric supervisor Larry Eddins reported a good month with 106 work orders completed. He explained the progress on Brunson Circle line, line for the flood pumps at the canal and the status of the line for the new Cash Brothers Leasing building.

Utility Superintendent James Grimes recommended a fee be established for the new extra bright security lights. Grimes explained that the utility sells the light fixture to the consumer and charges \$7.50 for the electricity. He recommended the utility pass on the cost of any repairs or bulb replacements on these units.

The board members approved the recommendation.

Grimes also recommended the purchase of a new truck for working electrical lines. Usable equipment from an existing 1983 truck will be transferred to the new truck. The truck will cost \$32,326 and the customizing work (transforming equip) will cost another \$18,950. Getting the truck and equipping it will take

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Christmas Celebration nearing

The Miss Christmas Festival will be held at 11:00 a.m. There will be four categories, K-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. Come out and support these young ladies who have been willing to participate in this event.

There will be a lighting ceremony at 5:00 with a very special person and Mayor James E. Grimes. Immediately after this the parade will begin. Hopefully, there will be many planning to have an entry and be a

part of the parade. This is always a fun time to see all of the ways and means people have of expressing their Magical Christmas.

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Home is where the health is

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

During the month of November, Home Care Services of Elba has been participating in the celebration of National Health Care Month.

This month long celebration has honored all the dedicated health care professionals who provide high quality health care and supportive services in homes throughout Alabama, as well as the patients and families they serve.

The home of Mrs. Haughtie Boutwell was made a little brighter when she was paid a visit by a student from Elba Elementary School.

Ron Hill, a third grader, accompanied Dorothy King, a registered nurse with Home Care Services (HCS), on a home health visit to Mrs. Boutwell's home in the Victorian Community.

Also accompanying Hill and King on the visit were State Representative Garret Moore, Tracey Forchard, RN, administrator with Home Care Services, and Ron's mother, Tina Hill, who is a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) with HCS.

Ron was one of 300 Elba Elementary School students coloring home health oriented pictures to be distributed by Home Care Services of Elba to the area's elderly home bound residents. He presented his art work to Mrs. Boutwell during the recent visit.

Mrs. Boutwell is a 90 year-old retired Coffee County School teacher who lives alone and has received



Pictured above are: Dorothy King, Mrs. Haughtie Boutwell, Ron Hill, and Rep. Garret Moore.

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1996 FARM OF DISTINCTION...for Coffee County is the Billy Wyrosdick Farm located in the Basin Community just south of Elba. Pictured above accepting their award during a recent ceremony are (l-r): Steve Wyrosdick, his wife Vickie, Jamie Wyrosdick, and Frankie and Billy Wyrosdick. One of the Wyrosdick Farm's biggest strengths is its diversity. Their operation consists of 75 acres of peanuts, 125 head of cattle, and 6 chicken houses. The Wyrosdicks also raise 35 acres of corn, 55 acres of oats, 60 acres of wintergrazing, and 450 tons of silage.

Farm-City Week awards presented

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

On Thursday, November 7, a press conference was held by the Coffee County Farm-City Week Committee to announce its award recipients.

During this time, several individuals and families were recognized for their contributions to the agricultural and business communities.

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*1996 Model Family - Joseph Paul and Susan Bryars Russell family.

*Industry of the Year - ConAgra Poultry Company.

*Businessman of the Year - John L. Mitchell.

*1996 Peanut Award 50-250 Acres - Allen Weeks.

*1996 Cotton Award - Roy L. Johnson.

*1996 Livestock Production Award - Phillip Martin family.

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NEWS BRIEF

An early afternoon bomb threat at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba forced an hour long evacuation. A call to the Coffee County jail was received Tuesday afternoon at 1:04 p.m. The caller stated, "the boys from Enterprise have put a bomb in the courthouse in Elba and it is going to go off at 1:45 p.m. Sheriff's deputies and Elba police officers quickly evacuated the building and a search was conducted. The building was secured and was again searched at 2:00 p.m. At 2:10 p.m., an all clear was given for employees to return to work. Any person with knowledge of who is responsible for the threat is encouraged to call the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at 894-5535 or Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

** HAPPENINGS **

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE Elba's Annual Community Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for Sunday, November 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. This year's service is being sponsored by the Elba Christian Coalition.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SET Elba's Ninth Annual Christmas Festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 30, 1996, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the courthouse square. Call the Chamber of Commerce office at 897-3125 for further details.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT The Little Miss Christmas, Junior Miss Christmas, and Miss Christmas Pageant will be held on the square during the Elba Christmas Festival on Saturday, November 30, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. Dress will be casual. Entrance fee is \$10.00 with prizes for all participants. The pageant is sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. For further information, contact Starla Amison at 897-6969 (evenings) or Barbara Hudson at 897-3125.

FARM-CITY BANQUET The Annual Coffee County Farm-City Banquet will be held Thursday (TONIGHT), November 21, at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Tickets are on sale for \$10 each at the Extension Office in New Brockton, Enterprise Chamber of Commerce in Enterprise, and SouthTrust Bank in Elba.

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICE TO CLOSE Robert Lotley, Veterans' Service Officer, announced that the office in New Brockton will be closed during the week of November 25 (except for Wednesday, Nov. 27) for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETS The regular meeting of the Coffee County BOE is scheduled for Thursday, November 24, at the Central Office located in Elba. A swearing-in ceremony for board members will precede the meeting.